

Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting. - Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 19 September 2012

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Place: Cross Office Building, Rm. 300, Augusta

Vinton Valentine, Bill Hanson, Mike Smith, Jon Giles, Dan Walters, Alina Taus (guest, utilities), Amy Mountain, Steven Weed, Gretchen Heldmann (last day as chair), Judy Colby George
On phone: Rick Hammond (Woolpert), Chris Kroot

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of August meeting minutes – Chair Moved by Michael Smith, 2nd by Vinton Valentine.
....approved
3. Membership Update
 - o County Seat. ...Susan Bulay Penobscot County Registry of Deeds is interested.
 - o Gretchen handed out a sheet showing who to contact for bringing new people on.
4. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups
 - Coordination & Communication – Mike Smith, Dan Walters
 - o There will be a GeoLibrary/orthoimagery booth at NEARC – need to schedule staffing time ...volunteers? Mike Smith will send email out
 - o MEGUG geography quiz
 - o Claire Kiedrowski presented orthoimagery program at Maine Builders Ass'n
 - o Four sessions lined up for orthoimagery promotion thanks to FGDC grant. Postcard sent to MMA contacts.
 - o MEGUG meeting is Friday in Millinocket. Forestry focus.
 - GeoParcels – Mike Smith
 - o Parcels contract update – Mike Smith
 - o Jon Giles speaking with towns of parcels, difficulty in some cases getting assessor data
 - o Mike asked Judy Colby George to work magic in North Yarmouth to get them to fund orthoimagery. Judy says they don't believe that they need it.
 - o Gretchen talked with Sean Gambrel (Bangor) and now with Steve Weed in Brewer, looks like Bangor area will buy up orthoimagery.
 - o Judy will be late with next parcels delivery. Not have good luck getting assessing data from some towns. Biggest stumbling block. They don't want to release data even if some is available. Big Brother fears. Waldo & Knox. About 15-20% do not want to participate. Board did not expect 100%, looks like we will get about 80%. Colgan/USM parcels for Portland area to be done by end of month. Biddeford is from 2009. Dayton not releasing data.
 - o Jon and Judy working together. Sometimes one goes in after the other to get the data.
 - o Sometimes have to go to retired assessors in Florida and beyond.
 - o Judy did Brewer for storm water grant.
 - o Brewer uses Trio just enough to calculate areas, rest on cards
 - o 2014 Brewer & Bar Harbor are up for flight

- o Most towns will eventually have a basic parcel viewer. Performance issue in GeoMoose troubling. Jon Giles mentioned this viewer is selling point for many towns.

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• 1. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups

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• New Chair Transition

• The new membership of the Maine GeoLibrary Education and Training Working Group was unable to schedule meeting this month. There is an expressed preference for the first meeting to be in person. We'll try again next month, perhaps in Farmington in conjunction with the New England - Saint Lawrence Valley Geographical Society Annual Conference (NESTVAL) 2012 on 19-20 Oct.

• Geospatial Technology Competency Model (GTCM) Workshop for higher education faculty on 23 August at University of Maine Augusta to begin assessing introductory GIS courses using the US Department of Labor model and the tools developed by the national GeoTech Center. Other goals included discussion of alignment and sharing of curricula and exploration of potential pathways among schools. Faculty from University of Maine Farmington, University of Maine Machias, University of Southern Maine, Bowdoin, Unity, and University of New England participated as well as Maine Geographic Alliance and Bangor High School.

• Following last month's meeting to begin working on plan to address esri's offer for a state K12 license, a teleconference of higher education faculty on 14 Sep discussed an NSF Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) grant proposal to support teacher professional development in using online GIS tools. The grant proposal will address one aspect of the planned approach, namely Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) teachers and students.

• Christopher Kroot mentioned that Gordon Longworth at the College of the Atlantic is using ArcGIS Online for Organizations and it has enabled GIS access to a number of new participants in a variety of new topical areas. In answer to a question about cost of the statewide K12 license, esri is offering the license at no charge. Mike Smith offered the possibility of cohosting ArcGIS for Server at MEGIS to support K12 use of the ArcGIS Online for Organizations product.

• Maine Geographic Alliance (MGA) celebrated its 20th anniversary in Boothbay on 15 Sep with a day of reflection and planning in preparation for its strategic plan implementation. Implementation areas include public policy, outreach, pre-service and in-service professional development in geoliteracy and geospatial technology.

• MEGUG Fall Conference, Friday 21 Sep, Baxter State Park HQ, Millinocket.

• NEARC 2012 happening in mid-November, specifically 11 – 14 Nov in Camden and Rockland area. MEGUG will be conducting a geography quiz at its booth.

• Geospatial Data – Dan Walters

- o Ortho update 3" data received, being reprocessed for towns and GPCOG
- o Claire and Mike attended ortho meeting in Gray
- o Orthoimagery workshops held in Augusta, Rockland, Lewiston, Wiscasset next.
- o Sept & Oct promotion for Ortho grant - postcards sent to towns
- o MEGUG in Millinocket this Friday
- o Gretchen speaking with Sean Gambrel and Art Morgan on Ortho program
- o Steven Weed speaking to Brewer since he is now going there from Bar Harbor
- o 3 inch data has arrived, Smith to reproject to state plane. If you want raw data send Mike a hard drive. Making state plane tiles. 300 gb for tif images.

- o Anyone don't want jpg2000? Because no lizardTech license. If someone wants to pay for licensing we'll accept.

5. Committee Reports

- Financial Committee – Chair
 - Budget Retreat – set date, no responses to doodle poll. Will meet last week in October. Will resend the poll this afternoon.
 - ROI update – project is finalized... all done and money drawn
 - ROI Final report Bill Hanson had question about Forestry data. What is their attitude.
 - Financial support for that. They will take advantage of free data if it's available, but blush and coloration leaf-on are their concerns. They may be more interested in LiDAR
 - Storm water is urban only.
 - 80 pages of Final Report was sent by Michael Smith.
 - Dept of Conservation Bureau of Public Lands was going to be done through Ortho program
 - In the end we (Mike Smith) decided not to do that this year, so they will go back out to RFP
 - They still want frame based, they will give 2d Ortho digitally to State but will be using the hard prints to analyze
- Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine
 - o Financial Checks & Balances Policy ... Draft policy circulated.
 - o Policy moved by Michael Smith, 2nd by Steve Weed. Unanimous approval. The Finance Committee will take up specific procedures associated with implementing the policy at the upcoming Budget Retreat.
- Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot
 - GeoPortal Update and Discussion – Future of the Portal
 - Contract is expiring and we don't have the product we wanted
 - Portal probably can't to be hosted at USM anymore, so we need a new place to host
 - V 2.64 running now with GeoNode, data being loaded into this version. This version has vector upload capability, not tested but included in the software.
 - Student working on it now and can stay hosted at USM while he is. Student has documented install process and other administrative processes. Runs better in Linux
 - Board needs to test, Christopher will send link.
 - Still need to look for a new home. Should begin looking in first part of next year.
 - Student David may be done this year.
 - Does MEGIS have a long term role in maintaining the portal? That is outside the scope of what MEGIS does.
 - If we can't keep at University, keep in Geonetwork and look for a place to host is one option.
 - Another is Esri Portal (ArcGIS Online). Future of this is unknown, still under development.
 - Geoportal system management policy exists dictating the needs
 - Need a long term estimate of hardware and software costs to do so
 - Need to put together an "RFP" to describe the goals and needs.
 - Installation, branding, configuring groups, metadata standard requirement and mgmt, policy, decide on minimal metadata and how to validate what goes in.
 - Christopher will send PDF out

6. Guest Comments

7. Recommendations for Next Agenda

Gave departing gift to Gretchen, thanks for pointing us in right direction!

Looked at the "Larry List"

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 17 October 2012, 10am – 12:30pm, Cross Office Building, Rm. 300, Augusta.